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FAC Spotlight **Geri Grigsby:** **All Time High School** **Basketball Scorer Leads FAC's** **Team of Attorneys**

The only three pointer before the three pointer was just the two point basket with a foul on the shot. So big scoring meant a lot of two pointers and free throws.

For Geri Grigsby, big scoring meant an average of 46.1 points per game for the three years she played girls basketball at McDowell High School in Floyd County. This is a record that still stands today, for both boys and girls basketball, according to the National Federation of State High School Associations.



Grigsby in front of picture of her (#1) playing in the 1977 Indiana-Kentucky All-Star game.

In 1977, five years after Title IX took effect, Grigsby started her high school basketball career as a sophomore.

In her first season she scored 1,079 points, followed by 1,421 and 1,885 points each of the next two seasons. All told, her 4,385 points put her as the national record holder as well as Kentucky's record holder for both boys and girls at that time. Her senior year single-season high of 1,885 still holds the national record in that category.

At 5-foot-5, Geri had to be quick and dead-on shooting was just an extension of her training and conditioning. Part of that came from playing basketball with the neighborhood boys and having a former UK basketball player, and coach of McDowell High School's boys team, as her father.

All three years Grigsby was selected first-team all-state and following her senior season, she was chosen as Kentucky's "Miss Basketball."

Grigsby excelled on and off the court—from playing saxophone in the band to cheerleading for the boys varsity team to graduating as class valedictorian.

Following graduation Grigsby went to the University of Kentucky on a basketball scholarship. She played three years and finished her

senior year at Western Kentucky University. She returned to UK and finished her bachelors in English and her law degree.

"While basketball was a huge part of my life growing up, I was always interested in writing and followed politics and government," said Grigsby. "That's pretty much how I ended up working in government, both at the federal and state levels."

She began her career as an assistant commonwealth's attorney and then moved to Washington, DC to serve as senior attorney with the U.S. Equal Opportunity Commission and associate counsel with the U.S. House of Representatives. In state government she's served in various attorney and chief of staff roles for the Kentucky Senate Democratic Leadership Office and the Transportation Cabinet.

"I am so happy that Geri has joined the Finance team," said Sec. Lori Flanery. "Her grasp of policy and her understanding of government, from both the legislative side and executive branch perspective, made her the perfect candidate for our general counsel. And, I always have to smile when people meet her and talk about her scoring prowess."

"I am fortunate to have worked with some wonderful and dedicated people in government," said Grigsby. "I love working at the Finance Cabinet and am impressed with the team of attorneys who know how to play their positions and how to keep their eyes on the ball (pun intended). And believe me, we have lots of balls in the air."

"That's what I like about Finance. We touch so many aspects of state government, which means no day is the same. I truly respect our folks throughout the cabinet and am happy to have this opportunity."

For Geri, she doesn't dwell on her past achievements, but know they have played such an important role in where she is today.

Who knows, her single-game highs of 81 and 66 points may have been 100 points based on today's three pointers.

"It's not about what ifs, it's about loving what you do and working with great people," she added.

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General Assembly Marks Halfway Point of Session

Busy Session for Finance Cabinet

For Corey Buckman, the Finance Cabinet's legislative liaison, it's already been a busy session with lots more to come. Buckman spearheads the cabinet's interaction with legislators. This can be educating them on bills that impact the Finance Cabinet to gaining sponsors for legislation that the cabinet would like to see filed on its behalf.

"Many people throughout the cabinet help draft language for bills that we need filed," said Buckman. "They also evaluate bills that legislators introduce that many impact our agencies, whether

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positively or negatively. Without their knowledge and expertise, my job would be impossible."

The cabinet had numerous pieces of legislation that it needed sponsored and passed. So far, all but one have been filed.



"Anyone can follow the session fairly easily," said Buckman. "And, I'd encourage them to do so. The Legislative Research Commission's (LRC) website is a great resource, www.lrc.ky.gov. KET also presents live feeds on its website or on channels 17 and 23 in Frankfort."

Following are the bills that have been filed for the cabinet and its related agencies:

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HB 129 (Yonts) – AN ACT relating to the financial operations of local governments. Referred to State and Local Gov (S)

HB 170 (Flood) – AN ACT relating to the utility gross receipts license tax for schools. Referred to A&R (S)

HB 175 (Smart) – AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Housing Corporation. Referred to State and Local Gov (S)

HB 208 (Adkins) – AN ACT relating to reorganization. Referred to State and Local Gov (S)

HB 209 (Adkins) – AN ACT relating to reorganization DOR's reorg; assigned to State Gov (H); will be replaced with Senate Bill for reorg

HB 272 (Rand) – AN ACT relating to fiscal matters Passed A&R (H) 2/4/14 and placed on Consent; removed from Consent 2/7/14 and HFA1 filed; on the Regular Orders for final passage

HB 279 (Denham) – AN ACT relating to the Commonwealth postsecondary education prepaid tuition trust fund. Passed Education (H) on the Consent Calendar this week; posted for final passage on Friday 2/21

HB 354 (Westrom) – AN ACT authorizing the payment of certain claims against the state which have been duly audited and approved according to law, and have not been paid because of the lapsing or insufficiency of former appropriations against which the claims were chargeable, or the lack of an appropriate procurement document in place, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency. Referred to A&R (H)

SB 70 (Humphries) – AN ACT relating to energy conservation measures for state buildings and property. Filed 2/19

SB 86 (Gregory) – AN ACT relating to Asset Resolution Corporation. Referred to Judiciary (S)

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